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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TH, US
SUBJECT: FMS CREDIT FOR THAILAND

REF: (A) BANGKOK 10655; (B) USMACT 030949Z JUL 74

1. THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) HAS PROPOSED ENTERING INTO A FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE REQUEST WAS FORMALLY MADE IN A LETTER FROM SUPREME COMMAND TO COMUSMACTHAI THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS: QUOTE

MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS W. MELLEN USA
COMMANDER
US MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND
BANGKOK, THAILAND

DEAR GENERAL MELLEN:
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS TO ENTER INTO A CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENSE ARTICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISONS OF THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN MILITARY
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ITEMS	VALUE
1. PERSONNEL SUPPORT EQUIPMENTS	$ 837,182.94
2. SMALL ARMS	762,465
3. ARTILLERY	212,540
4. VEHICLES (TRUCK 1/4, 2 1/2 TON	3,179,426
5. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENTS	426,011.42
6. AIRCRAFT: UH-1H HELICOPTER	4,576,620
7. AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT SYSTEMS	30,000
TOTAL	$10,024,245.36

IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF THIS REQUEST RECEIVES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN ORDER THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CREDIT AGREEMENT CAN BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY,

DAWEE CHULLASAPYA
AIR CHIEF MARSHAL RTAF
COMMANDING

END QUOTE

2. IN THE PAST, THE THAIS HAVE NOT BORROWED ON CREDIT FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES. THIS IS THE FIRST FORMAL REQUEST BY THE RTG FOR FMS CREDIT. IT WOULD SEEM TO REPRESENT RECOGNITION ON THEIR PART OF THE NEED TO FIND OTHER WAYS OF PROCURING DEFENSE EQUIPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF REDUCED MAP FUNDING.

3. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE REQUEST FOR FMS CREDIT AND RECOMMEND THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE ITEMS WHICH THE THAIS HAVE REQUESTED.
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